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RAIN FREEZES AS IT FALLS; ICY RAILS TIE UP TRAFFIC; TWO KILLED, MANY INJURED

Sidewalks Ice Covered, and
Surface and "L" Trains Are
Greatly Delayed.

RIVER ICE BREAKING UP.

Brooklyn Passengers Carried
All Over City, Because of
Congestion on All Lines.

The rain and thaw, to which New York has been looking for nearly a week for salvation from its paralysis by storm, brought with it troubles nearly as vexatious as those for which it was expected to be a cure. The sleet and rain froze tight on sidewalks and surface line rails. Elevated lines and the elevated portion of the subway suffered about circuits which in some instances caused panic and in every case set schedules awry and delayed traffic from a few minutes to an hour. The police were called to panics at Second avenue and Ninety-second street and One Hundred and Forty-ninth street and Madison avenue.

River ice was softened by the rain, so that boats and lighters, loaded with coal and supplies, moved freely toward piers and markets where famine had been threatened.

Street accidents were frequent and two deaths due to the ice were reported.

Brooklyn, lured into confidence in the elevated lines by the good service they did after Saturday's heavy snow, found itself nearly cut off from New York.

ICE ON POWER RAILS TIES UP "L" ROADS.

The trouble began at 4 o'clock in the morning on the Lexington avenue line. All trains stopped and were kept motionless until nearly 5 o'clock. The officials of all the lines, with this warning, started a number of motor cars to keep the third rail clean of ice; these bunched at the terminals and by 5 o'clock schedules were abandoned, stations were skipped and the trip from parts of Brooklyn that are ordinarily twenty minutes from Park Row or Delancey street took from an hour to an hour and a half.

POLICEMEN KNOCKED THROUGH WINDOW OF CAR.

Policeman Joseph Kleider of the Adams street station, was caught in a crush on the Knickerbocker avenue station of the Myrtle avenue line in Brooklyn and knocked through the window of a car. His wrist was badly cut, but after being attended by Ambulance Surgeon Carr of Brooklyn Hospital he was able to go on reserve duty.

The elevated structure of the sub-

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BUTCHERS INDICTED FOR SHIPPING BAD MEATS

Taken to Pier in Darkness, Government Charges, With Fraudulent Inspection Tags.

An indictment charging wholesale shipments of diseased meats was returned to-day against Ernest and Otto Stutz & Son, wholesale butchers of Brooklyn.

Specific shipments of 5,800 pounds of diseased pork in December, 1912, from New York to Charleston, S. C., via the Clyde line, are charged.

Assistant United States District Attorney Edwin M. Stanton said the meat was smuggled to the pier after dark so United States inspectors might not discover its condition.

Neither had the most basic inspection, charged Mr. Stanton, though it bore what purported to be Federal inspection stamps.

SIEGEL FIRMS OWE \$3,000,000 MORE THAN THEIR ASSETS

Report of Receivers, Made to
Creditors, Show Condition
of Businesses.

OMIT BOSTON FIRM.

Liabilities Will Approximate
\$9,500,000, Assets a Little
More Than \$6,600,000.

The reports of the receivers, William A. Marble and John S. Sheppard Jr., of the Siegel enterprises in this city—exclusive of the Siegel bank—were made public to-day at a hearing before ex-Judge George C. Holt, special master, in the Woolworth Building. The figures as announced for the Simpson-Crawford Company's store were: Assets, \$5,300,474.49; liabilities (tentative), \$5,823,955.10. The assets of the Fourteenth Street Store were stated to be: \$1,416,832.16, and the liabilities (may become), \$2,748,742.16.

So far as the Boston store is concerned it was pointed out that the figures for this business were not included, as trustees in bankruptcy are to be appointed in Boston on Saturday, Feb. 21.

James N. Rosenberg of Rosenberg & Levin, attorneys for the receivers of the stores and of Henry Siegel and Frank E. Vogel individually, said:

"It is now vital that the receivers for the Simpson-Crawford and Fourteenth Street stores purchase at once merchandise to the value of \$300,000 if the good will in these stores is to be preserved, looking to their reorganization. This merchandise must be bought for the needs of the next two weeks, as the stock for sale in the stores should not be allowed to be depleted."

The report of the receivers shed much long-looked-for light upon the business and the business methods of the Siegel enterprises. It said in part:

"We found that the deposits in the institution of Henry Siegel & Company, bankers, aggregating about \$2,500,000 has apparently been used by Siegel and Vogel in some way in the conduct of the three stores, although the books of the stores did not reveal with any degree of accuracy the indebtedness on account of the advance of these moneys."

"The examinations we have caused to be made of the original checks of Henry Siegel & Co., bankers, and then of the checks of some of the stores, revealed that the statements on the books of Henry Siegel & Co., bankers, did not actually indicate the particular store which got the benefit of the various loans."

REORGANIZATION PLAN ANNOUNCED SHORTLY.

The receivers showed many apparently peculiar transactions in which the Siegel bank loaned money to one of the Siegel stores, only to have the money go to another of the stores.

Joseph M. Hartfield, counsel to the committee of mercantile creditors, which is headed by Pierre Jay, President of the Bank of the Manhattan company, said:

"We have been considering plans for the reorganization and one of them will be submitted to the master at the next session of this hearing. No plan will be submitted which includes the Boston store with the two New York stores."

Harry Kohn, counsel to the Debtors' Realization Committee, which has collected \$450,000 from the friends of Siegel and Vogel for their aid, announced that his committee stood ready, in the event of the reorganization of the stores, to pay the bank creditors 25% per cent. in cash, with additional notes for 67% per cent., payable in five years, secured by \$4,000,000 worth of the securities of the Siegel Stores Corporation.

At the conclusion of the hearing the creditors agreed to allow the receivers to spend \$500,000 to replenish the stock of the stores.

HASSETT REFUSES TO PLEAD GUILTY OF \$50,000 GRAFT

Former Secretary of Water
Supply Board Opens Fight
on Indictment.

DECLARES IT ILLEGAL.

Reports Were Circulated That
He Would Admit Guilt and
Aid Whitman.

Reports industriously circulated that Thomas Hassett, former secretary of the Board of Water Supply, would plead guilty when arraigned to-day to answer to an indictment charging attempted grand larceny, were disproved on Hassett's appearance. Through his counsel, Thomas Gillera, he demurred to the indictment.

The demurrer was based on the claim that the indictment proper was not signed by District Attorney Whitman and that the allegations against Hassett in the indictment do not constitute the crime charged. Mr. Gillera wanted a week in which to prepare arguments on his motion. Justice Davis said he thought the arguments could be made ready by tomorrow morning, when the case will be taken up.

TALK OF PLEADING GUILTY AMUSES HASSETT.

Hassett, who appeared to be quite composed, was asked about the report that he had decided to plead guilty and jump in and help the District Attorney. The idea struck him as humorous.

"Just keep your eye on the court proceedings," he said, with a laugh. Hassett is accused of trying to shake down Anthony Douglas, a Niagara Falls contractor, Douglas charges that Hassett demanded \$50,000 from him for services in getting a contract through the Board of Water Supply. Douglas didn't pay the money and didn't get the contract.

Before the Special Grand Jury will be a number of contractors to-day. They will be asked particularly about the \$41,250 Patterson & Co. paid to some one for an aqueduct contract. It is believed they have heard where the money went, and even if they can't furnish legal evidence they may put the prosecutor on the track of it. WILL BE QUESTIONED IN PLACE OF BENDEL.

At least four of these contractors are men who had reason to be thrown in close contact with the Board of Water Supply, of which State Engineer John A. Bensen, who has refused to waive immunity, was once Chairman.

They are John R. McArthur, of the McArthur Brothers Company, which was associated with the Winston Company in Ashokan Dam contracts; John J. Hart of the John J. Hart Company, which was formerly backed by Thomas F. McAvoy, a Tammany Sachem; William B. Bradley, Henry Steers of the Bradley-Caffrey-Steeers Company, and Harry Wheeler, who is an engineer for and a stockholder in the same concern.

Acting on information gathered by investigators who have been at work for two weeks, District Attorney Whitman will open up a new line of investigation into affairs allied with graft to-morrow. He has subpoenaed to appear at the John Doe hearing before Chief Magistrate McAdoo a number of lawyers from Kingston and the surrounding country who will be questioned about various condemnations for the purpose of acquiring land for the Catskill aqueduct.

The Legislature passed a law in 1905 providing for the condemnation of land for aqueduct purposes and giving power to justices of the Supreme Court of various counties to appoint condemnation commissioners. It has been reported times and again that the city paid prices in excess of the value of lands condemned and this is the matter the District Attorney intends to look into.

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One of the Lifeboats on Liner That Was Battered by Waves



BROKEN LIFEBOAT ON S.S. NEW

HURRICANES HIT BIG SHIPS; ONE JUST MISSES ICEBERG

Seven Persons, Three of Them Women, Injured on New Amsterdam—Voyage's Reported Roughest Ever Known.

The Holland-American liner New Amsterdam docked in Hoboken to-day, three days late from Rotterdam, which she left on Feb. 7, and bearing the marks of what Capt. J. Baron and Chief Officer Van Den East declared was the roughest voyage they had ever experienced. Other ships which have arrived in the last few days reported stormy passages, but none have had tales of excitement and danger to compare with those told by the officers and passengers of the New Amsterdam.

For two days the ship steamed through a hurricane, in the course of which four passengers and three members of the crew were injured. Albert Bakker, a second cabin passenger, had his left leg broken by being thrown down in a passageway.

Fourteen-year-old Lena Levy was sent tumbling down a companionway and had her scalp cut, while Miss Mildred Chase and Miss J. Ingram Smith were thrown out of their berths, badly knocked about and bruised, and Miss Chase had a wrist sprained.

TWO LIFEBOATS HAULED INTO THE SEA.

It was on Thursday night that the worst damage was done. Then a mountain high wave came aboard over the port bow, sent two lifeboats flying from their davits into the sea, and smashed five more as though they had been made of pasteboard. Three sailors who had lashed themselves to the deck while they tried to make the lifeboats fast were knocked unconscious and were saved only when other members of the crew risked death to scramble on deck and drag them to shelter.

The ship still hung—staggered and trembling from the shock of the first wave—when a second giant sea passed completely over it. The crest of this wave smashed down on the skylight of the smoking-room, burst through it and flooded the room beneath, sending a dozen or more drenched passengers flying for safety. It was when these waves struck that the injured were tossed about.

The hurricane started on Wednesday night and it was Thursday noon before it blew itself out. The wind

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MYSTERY IN THEFT OF CHILDREN'S BONES IN VAULT 30 YEARS

Robbers Break Door in Secaucus Cemetery, N. J., and Carry Away Remains of the Relatives of Lawyer Abel I. Smith.

OWNER PUZZLED TO FIND
MOTIVE FOR THE CRIME

Second Attempt Is Successful as
Soon as Watchman Is Removed
From the Vault.

Grave robbers forcibly entered a tomb of the family of Abel I. Smith, of the New York and New Jersey bar, and the robbery from it of the bones of three children, all of whom died more than thirty years ago, startled the authorities of Hudson County to-day. The robbery of the tomb at Secaucus is the result of persistent and crafty efforts which have failed at least once before.

The cemetery itself is one of the oldest in New Jersey, and was set aside as a resting place for the dead more than two hundred years ago. Some of the old gravestones bear dates two centuries old, carved in the quaint characters of that time. Not in the memory of the oldest resident have ghoulers ever visited the place until now.

Not only have the police been unable to find the slightest clue to the male-

factors or any hint of the motive which led them to steal the dust and bones of the children who died within a few years of each other after the end of the civil war; they have nothing to help them determine when the crime was committed. It may have been done at any time since a watchman who had been employed to watch the vault was dismissed two weeks ago.

Edward Doyle of the Secaucus Police Department observed that the front door of a vault in the Smith cemetery had been wrenched open. The vault was owned by Abel I. Smith of New York City, who died in 1875, and West Seventy-ninth street, Manhattan, who is senior member of the law firm of Smith, Malton & Herr of 75-75 Newark avenue. It was built fifty years ago and has contained open coffins, though it has room for twenty-four.

Doyle knew that the doors of the vault had been wrenched away two months ago, but that no further damage had been done to the masonry or its contents. A watchman was put on guard after the doors had been repaired, but was recently withdrawn because no one was observed hanging about.

Entering the vault, Doyle saw that three of the coffins which had once obviously held the bodies of children had been disturbed. They were those of Prudence Cary Smith, who died in 1865; Irene Smith, who died in 1875, and another. Two of the coffins had been opened by prying off the end board at the foot. The top of the other had been lifted. The bones and dust and every vestige of the grave-clothes had been carefully removed.

Doyle at once notified the authorities and Mr. Smith was summoned. The police of Hoboken were asked to help solve the mystery. Mr. Smith said that ever since the first effort to violate the tomb he has racked his mind to find a reason why anybody should want to break into a burial vault of his family, and has been unable to get a satisfactory answer.

Abel I. Smith Jr., who has law offices in this city at No. 35 Church street, when informed of the robbery by The Evening World this afternoon said that he was astounded. The vault, he said, had been opened two or three times before, but the family until now, he said, had not been aware of the breaking of the bones of the children who were buried there.

TO CALL MURPHY AND BARNES AT GRAFT INQUIRY

Will Be Forced to Testify Before Assembly Board, Says Chairman Sullivan.

ALBANY, Feb. 19.—"I have not the slightest doubt that our committee will subpoena Charles F. Murphy, William Barnes and other powerful political bosses before our investigation has gone very far," said John Leo Sullivan, Chairman of the Assembly probers, to-day.

"We are going right after the system, and intend to expose to the full view of the people of the State underground political manipulations which have used public office for graft. No political power can stop this committee or direct its channels."

Sullivan's ideas of the system's control of public officials were enlarged by a two hours' conference with John A. Hennessy, whose attacks on Murphy and Barnes were the sensation of the municipal campaign in New York City last fall.

Hennessy told Sullivan that anything short of a full expose of the system would arouse the wrath of the taxpayers, who feel outraged already because investigations had been stifled since Sulzer's impeachment.

"How will the committee get at Murphy?" Sullivan was asked.

"The highways investigation alone will afford abundant excuse for calling the Tammany Boss. But leave that to Clark, our counsel. We will show just how conditions disclosed by the Whitman inquiry were made possible."

The committee has directed Mr. Clark to study the report of the Byrne committee, which investigated Barnes's reign in Albany.

MRS. R. L. STEVENSON DEAD.

Widow of Noted Novelist a Victim of Apoplexy.

SANTA BARBARA, Cal., Feb. 18.—Mrs. Robert Louis Stevenson, widow of the famous novelist, died of apoplexy at her home in Montecito yesterday.

Mrs. Stevenson was stricken late yesterday and did not regain consciousness. Lloyd Osbourne, her son, has started from New York for Santa Barbara, and Mrs. Isabel Strong, her daughter, who is in Honolulu, has been notified.

DANIELS TAGS BACHELORS.

Says They Remember the Earth and He Wants None in the Navy.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—"Bachelors remember the earth," remarked Secretary Daniels to-day, when he ordered Lieut. Harrison E. Knauer detached from the Presidential yacht Mayflower, and Mr. Knauer, the plaintiff, had only five and a half years to live and unless he accepted a reduction to \$2.55 a new trial should be granted.

TOO MUCH FOR MAN 77.

Court Would Cut Down His \$4,400 Verdict for Injury.

TRENTON, N. J., Feb. 19.—The Supreme Court to-day held that \$4,400 damages was excessive for a man seventy-seven years old who was so injured by a street car that when he recovered one leg was two inches shorter than the other.

The Court declared that according to mortality tables William J. Moynaux of Union County, the plaintiff, had only five and a half years to live and unless he accepted a reduction to \$2.55 a new trial should be granted.

The Morris County Traction Company was the defendant.

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